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NINE ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE PERFORMING ARTS GRANTS *Projects Bring Art to Glendale School Children and Residents*

Glendale, Ariz. — The Glendale City Council has approved nine performing arts groups to receive funding from the city's annual Performing Arts Partnership Program.

Since the program started in 1996, the Council has approved approximately \$630,800 to sponsor 209 performing arts activities that have benefited thousands of Glendale school children and residents. Examples of past sponsored programs include "Ballet Under the Stars" at Sahuaro Ranch Park; artist-in-residency programs at schools throughout Glendale; performance and classes at Glendale's community centers; performing arts interactive programs for abused and homeless children and a variety of hands-on community interest events throughout the city.

Proposals for performing arts projects, to be held in Glendale, were solicited from non-profit arts organizations, schools and government agencies for FY 2015-16. Through an open, competitive application process, the following project proposals were selected for funding support, in the amount of \$4,000, by the Glendale Arts Commission and approved by the City Council. The shows will occur from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

- **Arizona Theatre Company's** Shakespeare Theatre Residency will teach theatre art skills to 11th and 12th grade students at Glendale High School and Ironwood High School. The residency will be for four days, three times during the year. A community performance of the student production of "A Midsummer Nights Dream" will be offered at the Glendale Amphitheater at Murphy Park.
- **Ballet Arizona** will conduct the "Class Act Intensive Program" with 4th and 5th graders at Don

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Mensendick Elementary School. The program will teach children basic elements of dance and guide them through the creation of their own dance work, which will be presented at their school assembly or during an evening performance.

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix** will conduct the Japanese Taiko Drumming Project with guest artist, Eileen Morgan. The project will include 18 teaching workshops for youth at the Swift Kids Club in Glendale. The project will culminate in two public performances to be held during fall 2015 at the “Swift Kids Club’s Day for Kids” celebration in September and Fall Festival in October.
- **Brelby Theatre Company** will present the “Adventures in Wonderland” summer theatre camp for youth; “Desert Dystopia” summer theatre camp for teens; and the “Adult Production Intensive” summer camp for new and experienced playwrights, directors and actors. All three of the camps will culminate in free public performances to be held at Brelby Theatre or the Glendale Amphitheater. Brelby will also present the “Annual Halloween Evening of Stories” to be held at the Glendale Amphitheater. The evening will include short re-enactments of fairy tales and ghost stories, theatrical readings of Poe and other poems.
- **Center Dance Ensemble (CDE)** will present the 2015-16 School Tour. There will be eleven performances at six Glendale Elementary School District schools. CDE will conduct performances of their touring shows as chosen by the schools from “The ABC’s of Dance” program, “Poetry ‘n Motion and More Poetry ‘n Motion”.
- **Ironwood Band Community Foundation’s** project, “Music Masters” will help music students at Ironwood High School and its six “feeder” schools increase their musicianship, grow in their love for music, and experience an opportunity to perform for the wider Glendale Community. Funds will be used to retain two high level performing groups such as Phoenix Chamber Brass and The Mill Avenue Chamber Players to provide instruction. The students will provide two public performances – one at Ironwood High School and one at the Glendale Amphitheater.

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- **Jivemind Cooperative Music Labs** will present “Pillars Music Experience” consisting of three concerts highlighting the strength and support of the Glendale community. “Pillars” will feature local songwriters, bringing together their community through music. The concerts will be held on Saturdays at the Glendale Amphitheater late summer and early autumn.
- **Mill Ave. Chamber Players** will present Live at the Library, a series of six musical performances to be held at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium on the fourth Thursday evening of the month, from September 2015 through April 2016.
- **Phoenix Conservatory of Music** will partner with the Glendale Elementary School District No. 40 to facilitate the program, “Music Moves Glendale Schools!” A professional teaching artist and guest artists will provide 44 hours of high quality music education experiences at no cost to the Glendale students. Students will then perform for their families and the larger Glendale community with a free public performance at the Glendale Amphitheater.

One percent of construction projects in the capital improvement program are deposited in the municipal art fund to be used to administer the city’s public art and performing arts program. Expenditures from the municipal art fund for the annual Performing Arts Partnership Program are recommended by the Glendale Arts Commission through its annual arts projects plan and are subject to approval by Council.

For more information about the arts in Glendale, call Mojgan Vahabzadeh at 623-930-3557 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/arts.

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